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## Key issues of 1990

The Candidates' stances compared and contrasted on key issues in the Gubernatorial Campaign

### WOMEN

**Silber:** Considers abortion "homicide" but said he would be a "pro-choice governor" because society cannot reach an agreement on the issue. Opposes the proposed constitutional amendment because it would allow late abortions in some cases. Supports the current parental consent law.

**Weld:** Supports the proposed constitutional amendment and public funding for abortion (after initial opposition to public funding). Supports liberalizing current law to give minors access to abortion with the consent of just one parent.

### CRIME

**Silber:** Favors converting military bases and other surplus properties into "prison schools" with rehabilitation as a goal. Opposes the New Braintree as an expensive "Taj Mahal" prison. Once opposed the death penalty but now says he would impose it for drug kingpins and terrorists. Favors a two week waiting period for the purchase of firearms.

**Weld:** Has pledged to abolish parole for violent offenders and wants to toughen prison stays, saying inmates should not be allowed to view television and should be "reintroduced to the joys of busting rocks." Would expand prison capacity using armories and military bases. Supports the death penalty.

### ENVIRONMENT

**Silber:** Opposes secondary treatment for the cleanup of Boston Harbor, proposing an advanced primary treatment plant and repair of the combined sewer overflow system. Opposes California auto emissions standards as an unfair burden on Massachusetts alone. Believes goal requiring state products be made of 50 percent recycled material by the year 2000 is unrealistic.

**Weld:** Supports newly created Cape Cod Commission to limit development on the Cape. An original sponsor of recycling legislation that would require 50 percent of state products be made of recycled materials over the next six years. Supports secondary treatment order for Boston Harbor but would prefer a cheaper alternative if one could be developed.

### HEALTH CARE

**Silber:** Would work for repeal of the universal health care law as a burdensome mandate on business.

Would reduce Medicaid costs by requiring out-of-pocket contributions from clients and reducing benefits. Has said that health care is being rationed and would prefer that public dollars be spent on preventative care on the young rather than on life-sustaining care for the old.

**Weld:** Would establish six-month residency requirement for Medicaid eligibility for the poor. Would reduce costs by enforcing rules barring elders from shifting their assets to relatives to qualify earlier for Medicaid coverage in nursing homes. Supports no-fault health insurance program that could reduce malpractice claims and costs of insurance for doctors.

### HOUSING

**Silber:** Opposes rent control because he says it contributes to high housing costs by removing units from the market-rate pool. Would pressure local governments to remove zoning obstacles to the creation of more housing. Would alleviate homeless problem by reopening state mental hospitals and providing more drug and alcohol treatment.

**Weld:** Would use state funds to guarantee the mortgages for first-time home owners. Hopes to persuade cities and towns to apply a means test for rent control in order to free up more controlled units for low-income and elderly residents. Would offer state incentives to suburban towns for accepting subsidized housing developments. Wants to explore ways to use surplus state-owned land for housing.

### TRANSPORTATION

**Silber:** Supports creation of a massive number of new parking spaces on the perimeter of Boston, linked to the city by mass transit, and would ban all but buses and taxis in some areas of downtown. Supports Third Harbor Tunnel/Central Artery project. Does not see the necessity for a second major airport.

**Weld:** Has proposed an elevated monorail looping through downtown Boston similar to one in Miami. Supports restoration of the Old Colony commuter railroad, but has not been able to describe locations of routes or stations. Supports Third Harbor Tunnel/Central Artery project.

### HUMAN SERVICES

**Silber:** Has proposed a universal preschool program for all children beginning at age three. Would allow welfare recipients to keep more of their paychecks if they get jobs. Opposes family

leave policy. Opposes distributing condoms in school.

**Weld:** Supports a cost of living increase for welfare recipients, with tougher eligibility. Supports mandatory workfare, with exceptions for families with very young children. Would impose a one-year residency requirement for welfare. Supports a federal family leave act. Supports distribution of condoms in school-based clinics, at local option. Supports a child care linkage bill.

### EDUCATION

**Silber:** Seeks to cut regulatory bureaucracy and what he calls "stifling" regulations in the classroom and would increase decision-making by teachers. Would introduce student competency testing and reduce state aid to any school system in which a certain percentage of students fail the exam two years in a row. Would put the Boston Public Schools in receivership.

**Weld:** Strongly supports school choice for public schools and a voucher system for parents who opt to send their children to private schools. Favors a longer school year, early retirement incentives for teachers and a looser teacher certification process. Would tighten eligibility for students receiving special education funds.

### CIVIL RIGHTS

**Silber:** Advocates enacting a law guaranteeing a portion of state contracts to minorities. Supports gay rights bill. Believes bilingual education should be intensified in school. Has said the death penalty is "racist" in application but has advocated its use in limited circumstances.

**Weld:** Opposed passage of the gay rights bill outlawing discrimination based on sexual preferences, but said he would not work for its repeal. Supports condom distribution in public schools with local option. Withholds judgment on the state's minority set-aside program for state contracts.

### TAXES

**Silber:** Opposes tax rollback petition sponsored by Citizens for Limited Taxation. Wants a "pump priming" for the economy by increasing the gasoline tax and dedicating the revenues to construction projects that will create jobs. Would bring cost of doing business into line with competing states. Would eliminate the capital gains tax for new businesses.

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## Questions on the ballot

### Question 1: Proposed Amendment to the Constitution Abolishing the State Census

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and the Senate on December 17, 1987 by a vote of 180 to 6 and on June 11, 1990 by a vote of 186 to 6?

**Summary:** The proposed constitutional amendment would repeal the constitutional provision that a state census be taken and used as the basis for determining state representative, senatorial and councillor districts. The proposed constitutional amendment would provide that the federal census be the basis for determining such districts.

#### WHAT YOUR VOTE WILL DO:

A YES vote would change the state constitution to abolish the state census, and to substitute the federal census as the basis for state redistricting.

A NO vote would leave the state constitution unchanged, thus continuing the state census and its use as the basis for redistricting.

### Question 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Restricting use of State Consultants

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or House of Representatives before May 2, 1990?

**Summary:** The proposed law would place restrictions on the State's use of consultants. It would place various limits on the amount of profit, overhead charges and expenses that the state could pay consultants. It would limit the duration of consultant contracts to two years and any extension to one year, and it would limit the degree to which such contracts could be changed to require payments in excess of the original contract. The proposed law would limit to \$100,000 the amount the State could pay on a consultant contract with an individual and would require all other consultants in excess of \$25,000 to be sought through competitive bidding.

It would prohibit consultants from supervising State employees, and would limit the use of consultants as substitutes for State employee positions.

In addition, the proposed law would place limits on the total amount of money State agencies,

departments and Authorities could spend on consultants each year. Subsidiary provisions would also establish a method for these entries to gradually come into compliance with the new spending limits and would give authority to the State Secretary of Administration and Finance, on request to permit some spending in excess of the new limits. The proposed law would also require state agencies, departments and Authorities as well as the Secretary of Administration and Finance to submit yearly reports concerning the State's consultant contracts to certain legislative committees and to the Inspector General.

Finally, the proposed law provides that any of its provisions, if found by a court to be unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful would be severed from the law and the remaining provisions would continue in effect.

**WHAT YOUR VOTE WILL DO:**  
A YES vote would establish the proposed restrictions on the state government's use of consultants.

**Question three: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Changing Laws Concerning State Taxes and Fees**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or House of Representatives before May 2, 1990?

**Summary:** The proposed law would change the state income tax rate, affect language contained in certain tax provisions, and regulate the setting of fees by state agencies and authorities.

The proposed law would set the state income tax rate on part B taxable income (in general earned income) at 4.25% for 1991 and 4.625% for 1992, except for income from unemployment compensation, alimony, Massachusetts bank interest, rental income, pension and annuity income, and IRA/Keogh deduction which would be taxed at 5%.

The proposed law also provides that the fee imposed by any state agency or authority shall be no more than the fee that was in effect on or before June 30, 1988. The Secretary of Administration would determine the amount to

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**Weld:** Supports tax rollback petition sponsored by Citizens for Limited Taxation. Would eliminate capital gains tax for certain businesses. Would boost investment tax credit and create a new research and development tax credit. Would help promote Massachusetts products overseas. Would largely deregulate the auto insurance and hospital industries.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 31 at 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, November 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Friday, November 2 is All Souls Day. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on that day.

On Tuesday, November 6, a traveling exhibition for the New England Foundation for the Arts, will present "Scraps of Life: Chilean Arpilleras." The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Pub. Tickets are \$10 per person and include a multicultural cuisine buffet.

The Physical Education Department, Health Services, and a group of Biology majors specializing in exercise science, have joined together for free employee health and fitness screening conducted on campus. Faculty and employees interested in being tested, should contact Lee N. Cunningham of the Department of Physical Education, or Kathy Martin Estus of Health Services.

Partisan Review, a literary and cultural journal, will present a day-long program on "The Changing Culture of the University" at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square on Friday, November 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The series of panel discussions is part of a three day conference that is free and open to the public and will continue at Boston University on November 3rd and 4th.

Fitchburg State College Professional Development Speaker Series: Applauding Teacher Education Students and Graduates funded by MTA Professional Development Grant and Ruth Butler Award presents: Judy Anderson Smith, a graduate of FSC Undergraduate Elementary Education Program 1989, speaking on the "Use of Home Letters and Activities: One Tool for Parent Involvement" on Wednesday November 14, 1990 at McKay C-188 D from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Career Services Center will hold a self-esteem workshop every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Rm. B27 of the Hammond Building.

SAVE YOUR CANS! The brothers and the sweethearts of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, in association with the Programs Committee, present: The first annual Can Drive Party. Proceeds will be given to Catholic charities. Stay tuned for more information.

# Fornos seeks support to rectify "Global Blunder"

by Kevin Chapman  
Strobe staff

Did you know the world's population will double, to ten billion, within the next forty years, while adequate agricultural land and the amount of fresh water will decrease?

Ninety percent of the population growth will occur in the poorest countries in the world. The United Nations Population Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) is one of the organizations working to slow the out of control population growth. The UNFPA is funded by every major industrial nation except one, the United States.

Dr. Werner Fornos, an international population expert and former Maryland state legislator, calls ignoring this problem "the ultimate global blunder." Fornos came to Fitchburg State College seeking help in his attempt to get U.S. funding restored to the UNFPA. Funding was eliminated by the Reagan administration in 1986. An attempt by congress, to include funding to the United Na-

tions organization in 1989 was stopped by President Bush when he vetoed the entire \$220 million foreign aid package because it included \$15 million for the UNFPA, which would go toward non-abortion family planning in third world countries.

Dr. Fornos is promoting a letter writing campaign to congressmen. His hope is that the support for funding will be too great for President Bush to veto again this year. Fornos points out that local U.S. Representative, Richard E. Neal has voted for funding three times. Representative Neal is also co-sponsor of World Population Awareness Week, which was observed October 21 through October 27.

Letters of support or complaint can be sent to: Hon. Richard E. Neal, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Dr. Fornos' appearance for the letter writing campaign was co-sponsored by the Behavioral Science Department and the Social Science Department.

### Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. Presumed Innocent, by Scott Turow. (Warner, \$4.95.) A shocking tale of betrayal and murder.
2. The Authoritative Calvin & Hobbes, by Bill Watterson (Andrews & McMeel, \$12.95.) More Calvin & Hobbes cartoons.
3. Clear and Present Danger, by Tom Clancy (Berkley, \$5.95.) CIA's battle against Colombian drug cartels.
4. The Joy Luck Club, by Amy Tan. (Ivy, \$5.95.) Destinies of Chinese immigrant women and their Chinese-American daughters.
5. All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, by Robert Fulghum. (Ivy, \$5.95.) Uncommon thoughts on common things.
6. The Pillars of the Earth, by Ken Follett. (NAL/Signet, \$5.95.) Intriguing events surround the building of a cathedral.
7. A Brief History of Time, by Stephen W. Hawking (Bantam, \$9.95.) Theory on the origins of the cosmos.
8. The Dark Half, by Stephen King. (NAL/Signet, \$5.95.) After being destroyed by his writer, his pseudonym runs amok.
9. Codependent no More, by Melody Beattie. (Hazelden, \$8.95.) Solving your own problems.
10. It's Always Something, by Gilda Radner. (Avon, \$4.95.) Story of her life and fight with cancer.

### New & Recommended

A personal selection of Paul Morris, Georgia State Univ. Senior, Atlanta, GA  
Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All, by Allan Gurganus. (Ivy, \$6.95.) Lucy Marsden's voice takes us through some of American history's most exciting events and times - from just before the Civil War until the mid-1980s.

The Second Shift, by Arlie Hochschild. (Avon, \$9.95.) Landmark study that takes us into the homes of today's two-career parents to observe what really goes on at the end of the work day.

Tales from Margaritaville, by Jimmy Buffett. (Fawcett, \$9.95.) Collection of short stories, some fictional, some not, presenting the roamer's twin loves - the sea and the road.

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A Letter to the Hawks (Persons who are Pro War)

Michael is a great friend and he spent his summer in bootcamp. He is missed very much, as he is now in Saudi Arabia. He is 19 and has a lot more living to do.

It was very easy for some to sit in their apartment on Pearl Street and drape an oversized sheet with big, red letters saying, "BOMB IRAQ" outside their house. For the sake of the sons, daughters, moms, dads, sweethearts, and Michaels of this nation, who are now in Saudi Arabia, we tore the sign down.

Sincerely,

Sean P. Kenneally  
Matthew Datillo

Dear Editor:

To all the people that are still concerned with the Olson incident: GIVE IT A REST ALREADY!! Resorting to accusatory innuendoes is immature. Don't you have anything better to do than squabble over something in which both parties were at fault? (Ms. Olson due to her lack of "professional" discretion and the members of the Patriots who were involved for their lack of brains and decorum.) Stop being so closed-minded and hypocritical and give us a break.

Darren Woodbury

Dear Editor:

One way we must save money in this tight budget year is through increased energy conservation. Here are some things that will take place:

\*Buildings will be heated to about 65 degrees, and no portable heaters will be used.

\*Classes will continue to be consolidated so that only the minimum number of facilities are used.

\*Excessive lighting will be eliminated.

\*Lights will be turned off whenever and whenever possible.

\*Residence Halls will be monitored for excessive energy use, and appliances which are not authorized must be removed.

We need everyone's support. If you see lights on in an unoccupied space, please turn them off. If you see or know of any excessive energy waste, please immediately notify Facilities, extension 3115. All suggestions and efforts will be much appreciated, and will benefit us all.

Thank you,

Steven Lanciani  
Vice-President Facilities Management

Dear Editor:

This letter is addressed to the student body of Fitchburg State College.

As we near November 6th, Election Day, I feel it is my duty as your Student Trustee to implore you to vote. As your representative, I look at issues with your best interests in mind. It is in your best interest to VOTE! This election could very well be a deciding factor in your future.

Since the race for governor began, much of the focus on the elections has been on Question 3, the Initiative of Citizens for Limited Taxation, more commonly known as CLT. This proposal, if passed, would roll back taxes and fees to the level of 1988. However, the deficit and the state's budget will move onto the 1991 level. Quite simply, it would mean less money with which to pay bigger bills - equaling bigger problems for Massachusetts and its citizens.

Public Higher Education has a great deal at stake. Should Question 3 pass it will mean the end of affordable, higher quality education. The Public Higher Education budget will be cut deeply. Whole campuses will shut down, many degree programs will have to be eliminated, state funded tuition and fees will increase by approximately \$1500-2000, a large number of faculty and administrators will lose their jobs, class sections will increase in size and be offered less often. Qualified students will not have the chance to acquire a college education. Other students may have to forego their pursuit of a college degree due to the added expenses.

Be aware that Public Higher Education will not suffer alone should Question 3 pass. All services provided by the state will undergo severe budget cuts. Thousands of jobs will be lost, thousands of truly needy people will greatly suffer. If you have paid attention to the recent budget cuts in state government, you have seen successful community programs dissolved, Veteran homes closed, hundreds of state workers laid off, and Public Higher Education budget cuts, again and again. This is all before the elections. If Question 3 were to pass this would only be the beginning of the cuts that would have to be implemented.

The actual savings to the individual taxpayer would be minimal, especially when compared to the tremendous loss the state of Massachusetts would experience.

If you feel that everything I have just mentioned does not effect you or your family and friends in some way, if you feel that the passing of Question 3 will have no impact on your life, think about this: if your house was being robbed or on fire, the response time of the police and fire departments would be slow, most likely too slow to catch that burglar or to save your home from burning to the ground, because they too, will

undergo extensive budget cuts.

At least one thing I have mentioned will effect you in some way. That is why I urge you to educate yourself on the referendum questions and the policies of the candidates. Think carefully about your choices. Most importantly, vote on November 6th, and VOTE NO ON QUESTION 3! The future of Massachusetts may depend on it!

Sincerely,

Julie A. Flynn  
Student Trustee

6. Massachusetts has the highest number of fees in the U.S. Period.

7. In 1989, Governor Michael Dukakis withheld over 200 million tax dollars of local aid illegally from cities and towns, being forced to return it to the Supreme Court. For some reason, the government in this state thinks that the tax money they receive from the citizens is rightfully theirs to do with as they please. The CLT petition, if anything, will remind state government who actually runs this state.

8. Many, many state employees will receive, upon retirement, a pension of over 2/3rd's their final salary. This money, of course, will be provided by the taxpayers of the Commonwealth.

9. The Boston Globe's Spotlight Team conducted a seven month survey on the state of the judicial system in the Commonwealth. Their conclusion...A number of judges that work for the state take regular half days off, all while earning over 80,000 dollars per year of our tax money. Not to mention, that the state judiciary court is backlogged from 18 months to several years in trials. Does this define quick and effective justice?

10. While the state began to slip into economic chaos last year, the State House purchased a \$100,000 clock to sit in the conference room of the State House. Royalty, I presume?

I have recently graduated from FSC and I am presently attending Salem State College as a full time student in order to further my education. I believe that there has been a great deal of false information promoted to the schools about CLT. I have compiled this information in favor of Question 3, and I hope it will prove beneficial to those who are interested.

The CLT (Citizens for Limited Taxation) petition has been put on the November ballot to free the Massachusetts citizens from the shackles of state government. It will roll all of the fees and tax packages that have been burdened upon us, back to the fiscal 1988 standards. It will also move the income tax to 4.25% for 18 months, after the state government approved a "temporary" increase in income tax over a year and a half ago, at which it was set at 5.75%. If CLT passes, the government will not receive two billion of our dollars in tax money. Therefore, they will be

forced to make tremendous cuts. Where?

Here we go: First of all, since Dukakis came in, the number of state government employees has risen over 20%. The citizens of the Commonwealth have to vote in a legislature that will go through the entire list of state employees, let alone the entire budget of Massachusetts, and cut around 20% of the work force.

Anyone who reads Howie Carr in the Boston Herald, knows that there are babysitters on state payroll making up to \$1400 a week, and ex-cons making even more than that. We need someone who will make cuts where cuts should be made.

Secondly, the lottery department retains 40% of the monetary prize of the ticket sales and returns 60% to the winner(s), where as in other states 50% is returned. If we moved the state government's take up to 50% in Massachusetts, we would save over \$100 million for our state. There you go.

Third, there has to be a vast overhaul on state pensions. Democrat George Kevarian is going to receive a \$55,000 dollar a year pension when he retires from state employment, with the money coming out of our pockets. The average taxpayer in the Commonwealth has to rely on social security and very little, if any pension. Who made them holier than thou? Cuts have to be made.

Fourth, Massachusetts is third in the U.S. for the number of social services it provides. Now, I can't give you specific examples of this one, but as an American citizen, these are the words that we have to live by: The government that governs least, governs best. Having the third largest amount of social services in the U.S. gives the government that much more control over us, the taxpayers.

Cutting our budget by \$1.7 billion dollars may be difficult, but remember the "Massachusetts Miracle." Our lifestyle was pretty damn good in 1986, with a budget half the size of what we have today. We need a governor and a legislature who can make the cuts in the right places, and save the taxpayers money.

Fifth, speaking of legislature, do you know how much the average member of the legislature makes a year in Massachusetts? \$30,000. Do you know how much the average member of the legislature makes a year in New Hampshire? \$500. (Oh, and about the argument that if we don't pay them, they won't run, what state has the largest standing legislature in the U.S.? New Hampshire.)

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The CLT petition does not specify where the cuts will be made. The predictions you are reading of how disastrous it will be to the schools, local aid, and human services are otherwise known as scare tactics.

Why do you think Mike Dukakis cut human services drastically? Because it hurts. Why do you think he cut higher education and local aid? Because it hurts. Did Dukakis ever decide to make cuts in the places that I have pointed out? No. Why? Two reasons. First, he wants to scare the people into voting against the CLT petition by saying that this is where the cuts will be made if it passes. Dukakis wants to have the freedom to raise taxes through the roof, a freedom he will have if CLT doesn't pass. (Don't look for any comfort from John Silber, should he be elected Governor. While at Boston University, Silber increased tuition by over 600% and said that he will double state college tuition if he is elected.) Second, Dukakis wants to gain support for the Presidential election in 1992. How can he run if he doesn't receive money from his friends, the judges, consultants, and political cronies whom we support on the state payroll.

Do you know what the state government did after they read the Globe's spotlight series on the Judicial system and its abusers? They slapped the abusers on the wrist and said, "Don't do it again." Is this justice?

Do you know that while drastically cutting schools and human services in fiscal 1991, the government has cut less than 1% of their work force.

Do you know that a report from Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Murphy's office published in the 9/27/90 Boston Herald, stated that state government's spending has gone up by \$55.3 million dollars this year, while the cuts in local aid, human services, and higher education keep right on "a-comin'?"

Voting no on Question 3 would be like giving the state government a blank check. As it is, the third of the one billion plus tax increases, will begin in January. If you think you are having a tough time getting by now, it's going to be drastically worse in three months. If CLT doesn't pass, the state government will keep on over-spending, the budget will keep growing, the state payroll will rise, and the taxation on Massachusetts' citizens will be so overwhelming, that people will move out in droves. Bankruptcy would shortly follow.

The proof is in the pudding. CLT is our weapon against state government. However, it is not our only weapon. We have Question 1, 2, and 5. CLT is effective, but its effectiveness would be doubled should these questions pass as well.

Question 5 would increase the local aid given to cities and

towns from 31% to 40%. That would totally throw off the Department of Revenue's illegal study on the devastating effects the passage of the CLT petition would have on local aid.

Question 2 would limit the number of private "consultants" the state can hire. In other words, it would limit the amount of consultants that can go on the state payroll, and less taxes for us. What's wrong with that?

Question 1 would get rid of the Massachusetts population census, a poll taken once every ten years, where the state shelves out \$10 million dollars of taxpayers' money to inaccurately tell us how many people live in Massachusetts. The government has census takers doing the same job, and virtually every other state has dropped their own. Why not us?

Remember this: the people who are bringing you the CLT petition are the same ones who brought you proposition 2 1/2, or the law that caps the increase in property tax by no more than 2 1/2% of the previous year. If 2 1/2 had not passed, do you know what would have happened? Where now you may be paying up to \$2,500 on property taxes annually, if it didn't pass, you would have to double that.

Okay, in a hypothetical sense, let's assume Question 3 does not pass. What happens? Taxes go through the roof. People move out of the state. Our bonds drop to junk bond status. That brings me to yet another point. The Campaign for Massachusetts Future's strongest argument is that our bonds will go to junk bond status if the CLT petition does pass. Look at it this way, If Question 3 and Question 5 both pass, the government would be forced to cut the state budget down from \$13.7 to \$12 billion dollars, while also increasing the percentage of tax money that goes to cities and towns. In other words, we would cut their allowance and raise their bills.

Right now, all of America is turning their eyes toward Massachusetts to see if CLT passes. We're talking about a revolution of the people against the government. If CLT does pass, and the cuts are made in the right places, businesses in other states will take note of what has happened and invest in the new Massachusetts. If CLT doesn't pass, taxes will rise and people will move out. What business in their right mind would take a chance on investing in a state that is near bankruptcy? Hence, junk bond status.

The CLT petition is the Massachusetts citizens telling the government that the government is too big. The reason that the United States signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, was because they were tired of being overtaxed by the English, and they were tired of being controlled by a big government. It seems that we've come full circle, and our state government represents England. Thomas Jefferson once said that a revolution every 25 years is necessary for the U.S. to retain its freedom. I think we're overdue, don't you?

## Opinion Editorial

by Brian J. Connell  
Contributing writer

Coming up on November 6, 1990, Massachusetts voters are going to cast one of the most important votes in the commonwealth's history. This commentary is addressed to all citizens of Massachusetts. The young, the old, the republicans, the democrats and anyone who will be voting for our future on November 6th. The vote you make could very well decide the fate of our future for years to come.

Barbara Anderson and the Citizens for Limited Taxation have a reform on the ballot. This reform may be better known to most, as Question 3.

This "so called" reform is going to send our already shaky economy into bankruptcy and will give the legislature that brought us here more power than they have now. That's a reform? I suppose it is, if we're trying to reform our state into absolute

economic mayhem.

No one is happy with the condition our state is in, but what we need is a solution, not irresponsible reforms that will put us into a worse mess than we are in now.

What question #3 is proposing to do is to roll back taxes to 1988 levels. This may sound a lot less threatening than it is. Sure, I'd like to pay less taxes, but much has happened since 1988. The Massachusetts Miracle is history, businesses are off, and the state's revenues are falling. We can't go back, we must go forward and find a responsible solution to this crisis.

If you vote yes on Question 3, you can look forward to the following: The legislature will be given the power to set hundreds of fees, including the price to pay for a driver's license, commuter rail fares, Mass. turnpike tolls, and airport parking.

The commonwealth's bond rating, which dropped from 1st to 50th, will plunge to "junk bond" status and Standard & Poor's

predict that we'd be left with, "a legacy of debt for a decade."

Education will deteriorate more so than it already has due to drastic cuts. Programs such as: day care, homeless shelters, elderly care, protection for the environment, and health care will be cut while some will be severely paralyzed. State Colleges and Universities will be cut dramatically. It will cost the state approximately 6 billion dollars, and that's just a glimpse of what we'd have ahead of us.

Question 3 says absolutely nothing of cutting waste in the government. It provides no direction, or idea of how to improve our government. If you don't like the politicians in your state, vote them out, but don't vote out the state! By all means, vote NO on Question 3 on November 6th. It goes too far! It will cripple our state.

## THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO BECOMING A NURSE IN THE ARMY.



And they're both represented by the insignia you wear as a member of the Army Nurse Corps. The caduceus on the left means you're part of a health care system in which educational and career advancement are the rule, not the exception. The gold bar



on the right means you command respect as an Army officer. If you're earning a BSN, write: Army Nurse Opportunities, P.O. Box 7713, Clifton, NJ 07015. Or call toll free: 1-800-USA-ARMY, ext. 438.

**ARMY NURSE CORPS. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.**

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# FEATURES

## The origin of Halloween

by Christine Houle  
Strobe staff

Where did Halloween originate? The name Halloween is taken from the Christian holy day, All Hallows Eve. However, the customs associated with Halloween came from pre-Christian times.

The ancient Druids celebrated the feast of Saman, Lord of Death, on November 1st. At midnight, Saman called up the souls of all the departed. The date of November 1st was chosen because it signified the beginning of winter, which meant the season of evil spirits to the Druids. That night, the witches, demons, and evil spirits would roam the earth celebrating the arrival of their season by frightening, harming and playing tricks on the Druids.

There were only two ways the Druids could avoid the persecutions of these demons. One way was to offer them dainty foods and sweets or to disguise themselves as creatures and roam the streets along with them. This custom is the basis on which we celebrate Halloween today.



Halloween Pumpkin

Photo by Leslie Caron

Halloween symbols including black cats, ghosts, demons, witches, jack o'lanterns and the colors of black and orange represent the mood of the holiday. Black cats are identified with witchcraft and the dark realms of the devil. In Christianity, black cats are associated with laziness and lust - traits of Satan. Ghosts are night wanderers that represent deceit. Pumpkins usually have faces painted on or cut out of them to scare the spirits away. Witches are thought to collaborate with the devil and they have a ritual called the Witches' Sabbath Festival, where they feast, dance, and create mischief. The colors black and orange are believed to represent death, fear, hideousness, fire, flame and lust.

Halloween will always be a spooky holiday. Throughout the years, the customs and symbols of Halloween haven't changed, only the reasons for celebrating have. After all, we know that these spirits don't really roam the streets anymore, or do they?

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## FSC Police Beat



Public safety officers responded to the following incidents between Monday Oct. 15 and Sunday Oct. 21, 1990. Some of these incidents are alleged and some are still under investigation.

Fire alarm in Aubuchon Hall.  
Disturbance near Hammond Building.  
Vandalism at McKay.  
Ambulance call at Aubuchon. (FSC First Responders Squad assisted)  
Noise complaint on Highland Ave.  
Request for police at Russell Towers, local youth causing a disturbance.  
Larceny by false pretenses.  
Assault and Battery with dangerous weapon.  
Ambulance call at Russell Towers.  
Assisted FSC First Responders Squad with mock accident in Dupont Lot.  
Request for police in Thompson, Hammond, and Upper Weston lot, local youths causing a disturbance.  
Auto alarm sounding on Highland Ave.  
Request for police at Aubuchon, unwanted guest(s).  
Recovered stolen properties at New Hall.  
Request for police in Russell, local youths causing a disturbance.  
Disturbance near Aubuchon.  
Fire in Hammond Building (called twice).  
Disturbance at Town Houses.  
Disturbance at New Halls.  
Assist Fitchburg Police at Russell Towers.  
Motor vehicle complaint on Authority Drive.  
Dispersal from North St #3 Lot.  
Alarm at Aubuchon Hall.

## How to slash your phonebill

by Ally Azzarelli  
Strobe staff

It's twelve noon and you pop your mailbox door open, reach in and find the dreaded phone bill. It never fails, every time you down to your last buck, the trusty phone company is out to put you in debt. It's a well known fact that students are poor. We have to pay for tuition, books, meal plans, clothes, pizzas and parties. The last thing we want to spend our money on is an outrageously high phone bill.

Here are some suggestions to keep your phone bills within a reasonable range. Keep an empty coffee can, or better yet a safe with a combination lock by the phone, try to estimate the cost of the call and donate the approximated amount. If this doesn't

work, leave a pad and pen near the phone and record the length of the call and the distance. This way, by the time the bill comes, you'll have some idea how much you will owe. Another suggestion is to have a clock or stop watch by the phone so you can time your conversations. Many phone companies will send you a phone credit card for free or for a small fee. This card will enable you to be billed at home rather than at school. If you have very generous parents, they will agree to let you use the card to call home or even spring for an occasional long distance call to your boyfriend, girlfriend or Grandma. An obvious way to cut phone costs is to call during discount hours.

If you live in the New Halls, there is a phone jack located in each suite. It seems like an impossibility, but if everyone agrees, you can keep a phone in there, instead of having individual phones. This way, you can split the installation fee and monthly rates eight ways. The phone company has a system called "ringmate" which sets off three different rings. You must, however, remember to lock the suite doors at all times.

These are just a few of the ways a phone bill can be lowered. This means you can't drop three dollars into a coffee can and then three days later remove it and order a small pizza. Actually, the easiest way to lower the telephone bill is to not have a phone.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## New guy on the scenes? By no means

by Tim Kane  
Strobe staff

Eric Johnson, solo artist incognito, has been amazing audiences since he was 15 years old with the now defunct "Electromagnets." Being a native of Austin, Texas, Johnson has been accepted in his neighborhood as guitar extraordinaire, winning the city's "Best Rock Instrumental of the Year" in 1986, and "Best Acoustic Guitarist" for six years straight. So the question comes up as to why Eric Johnson, the guitar hero from the dry lands of Texas, is not on the tip of every musical appreciator's tongue? My answer is his unorthodox approach to his craft as well as the music industry.

His new second LP titled, "Ah Via Musicom" is a change Johnson takes in stride. He explained his view of music in a recent Capitol Records Biography. "I like there to be continuity in the recording, but feel it's important to give every song a particular

character." Johnson went on to say that, "I think it's more interesting to do an album that goes on a little adventure." Indeed the "Ah Via Musicom" LP does just that. As well as utilizing his singing guitar as his focal point, Johnson does have a polished voice with a bit of dust in it. The marriage of his vocals and guitar is evident on such songs as the country coercion "Steve's Boogie" to the Pop progressive charts "Desert Rose" and "Trademark." Johnson also reveals a softer, more mellow melodic style on tunes such as "Forty Mile Town" and "East West".

Eric Johnson definitely knows who the right musicians are. On this album he uses such reputable talents as Tommy Taylor playing melodic drums, Kyle Brock and Roscoe Beck on bass, and synthesist Steve Barber. You won't find huge Marshall amp stacks in Johnson's sessions. He

plays the same console that Chet Atkin used, a fender. One of the reasons Johnson is known for his incredible production, sound, dexterity, and variety is his 14 hour work days. "I had the luxury to do a lot of experimenting and hone in to get the right thing on tape, but I wanted to sound live, plus have the expertise of a good studio recording," Johnson explained, reaffirming his dedication to perfection.

In Eric Johnson's music you can hear Hendrix and even the melodic Jeff Beck, but Johnson seasons this base with his own unique rich texture of melody and dissonance. He has made his rounds and finally has the chance to perform his own material. I emphasize the word perform because "Ah Via Musicom" makes you feel like you are at an arena listening to his incredible musician-man-ship. Check him out.



Eric Johnson

## How the mighty have fallen

by Nick Jones  
Contributing writer

There is undoubtedly a decline in television programming today. It's not just new shows, like "Good Grief," which justifiably received a terrible review in a previous issue of The Strobe, but there are seasoned veterans that are becoming more and more inane.

First off is "The Wonder Years." Once a warm, charming, and funny show depicting Kevin Arnold's (Fred Savage) struggle with adolescence, it has now become flat, weak, and predictable. The narrator has always talked too much, but now he talks twice as much. In fact, after four new episodes, repeats of shows from last season have already started. I don't think they should bother, the magic is gone.

It doesn't get any better. "Growing Pains" was sometimes

moderately repulsive, but somehow Kirk Cameron's wide eyed grin of innocence saved him and the show. Mike Seaver (Cameron) is now in college, and that grin has been replaced with a smug, conniving smile. Mike, as well as Ben Seaver, have become manipulative teens who definitely deserve a god pop in the mouth, while Carol Seaver is a snobbish brat who needs to grow up. At least Jason Seaver has a character identified by the actors real name: Thicke.

"Doogie Howser, M.D." started strong last season and got progressively worse. Doogie (Neil Patrick Harris) is brilliant enough to be a doctor at 17, yet can't figure out why his dad won't let him have a '57 Chevy. Gee, it seemed practical enough. Usually, his "softie" dad comes through

and gives in, just as Doogie begins to figure out what the meaning of responsibility is. His pal Vinnie is nauseating to watch, and I find it astounding that Doogie, (how can anyone be called Doogie at 17 and expect to be taken seriously?) hasn't wised up and told him to get a life. Then again, this is the same young doctor who felt it necessary to steal his father's Jaguar to be cool. He got away with it too. In case one hasn't figured out the moral of the episode, Doogie so kindly spells it out on his computerized journal at the end of the show.

I watched "Married People" once...ONCE.

That sickening show with Tony Danza called "Who's The Boss" is so repulsive I almost wanted to watch "Good Grief" instead.

## Brainstorm dazzles

by Johnny Blade  
Contributing writer

What is "Brainstorm?" That seems to be the question circulating around campus this past month. Unless you've been out of state, it would be impossible for any student not to spot the eye-grabbing advertisements which have been posted, and frequently torn down, all over campus. Having previewed the film at a party a few weeks ago, I came to fully understand the power of this movie over those who religiously view it.

"Brainstorm" is a cult film if ever there was one. It documents the real life, uncensored adventures of a group of raucous teens cruising somewhere in America, living for the moment and pushing themselves to the limits of insanity. There is drinking, smoking, car chases, and so much burning rubber that one can almost smell it in the theater. The Brainstorm boys are crazy about having a good time, and they're willing to do anything for a laugh.

The movie follows their weekend adventure as they visit public places where they are public nuisances, making the audience laugh.

The most attractive feature of this film is that it is all spontaneous. Every scenario is completely improvised. It appears as if the camera simply filmed everything they did and accidentally captured once in a lifetime moments. Most remarkable, is the painfully funny situations the characters find themselves in. One will laugh hysterically at one character's verbal assault on an individual driving slowly one night, or an attempt to sneak into a house after a rough night of partying. The actors are, without a doubt, comical genius'.

Anyone with some morals will be repulsed by this film. "Brainstorm" is a masterpiece of adolescence. Never has the energy of youth been captured so honestly in a film. It is vulgar, obscene, and lewd. Bring yourself to Ellis White Lecture Hall this Friday night at 10:00p.m. to feed your head with "Brainstorm."

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# "Vase of Flowers" reviewed

## *A Vase of Flowers*

The vase is white and would be a cylinder  
If a cylinder were wider at the top than a bottom.  
The flowers are red, white and blue.

All contact with the flowers is forbidden.

The white flowers strain upward  
Into a pallid air of their references,  
Pushed slightly by the red and blue flowers.

If you were going to be jealous of the flowers,  
Please forget it.  
They mean absolutely nothing to me.

by Kelly Buckowski  
Strobe staff

John Ashbury's, "A Vase of Flowers," is a tactful criticism of the human race which is represented on a whole by the "Vase of Flowers." It is then divided into the "three types of people in the world." The "Evil" being the red, the "good" being the white, and both "evil" and "good" people represented by the color blue. (The symbolism here is not a characteristic style of Ashbury's but rather a way of getting a point across.)

Ashbury describes the vase as... "white and would be a cylinder, If a cylinder were wider at the top than at the bottom."

This is how he would like to

see the people of the world. Ashbury realizes that only some people are "white" flowers, and are looked highly upon, or in this case, are on the top of the vase. He knows that this is due to the abundance of "red" and "blue" flowers, which sit toward the bottom of the vase, pushing the white ones to the top. In other words, because the "evil" and "mixed" people are in the majority, it automatically puts those who are the minority, the "good" in this case, in the spotlight. Therefore, the "good" look even better than they should.

A double feeling tends to overcome this poem. Is Ashbury down on society because the "good" look good just because of their minority position? Or is it because they really are "good"?



WXPL Headquarter's

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT Continued

# What's hot/ What's not

by Mike Matteson  
Strobe staff

**TACKHEAD:** "Strange Things." Soul, funk, and rock fused together with a touch of electronic weirdness. With a new soul singer, this band sacrifices a lot of the raw power from its earlier days for a much smoother, textured sound...B+

**COCTEAU TWINS:** "Heaven or Las Vegas." A radical change for this group. Elizabeth Fraser, the group's singer, actually sings in English instead of just making noises. Don't get me wrong, they were beautifully haunting noises, and that just might be where this group fails on this release. Their lyrics are about as meaningful as the noises were, without all the beauty...B-

**THE GETO BOYS:** "Geto

Boys." Meet the new kings of filth. If the Manson family were writing songs for "2-Live Crew" they would probably sound like these guys. An obvious attempt to cash in on the obscenity phobia in music at this time...D+

**THE DARLING BUDS:** "Crawdaddy." This all female English quartet's second release is a tasty mix of modern pop, driving guitars, and unique melodies that only the English bands seem to perfect...B+

**CHICKASAW MUDD PUPPIES:** "White Dirt." Foot-stomping fun with southern blues and post-modern weirdness. Never has such an earthy sounding release made its listeners move since the "Violent Femmes" debut...A-

**JELLYFISH:** "Bellybutton." This band's sound boasts a striking resemblance to the band XTC.

Each track on this release is a gem, beautifully crafted and sung with feeling. The band is a direct throwback of the 60's, but doesn't dabble in the psychedelic, so much as the creation of songs with lively background vocals, insightful lyrics, and musicianship that emphasizes style and grace versus speed and decibels. The album is about people and their relationships with one another and it has something for everyone. It would be a shame to miss it...A

**PRIMUS:** "Frizzle Fry." Unusual sounding rock album in that the lead guitar is really a piccolo bass. The music is challenging to say the least, but the lyrics are shallow and meaningless. Les Claypool, the bass player/singer, gives an incredible performance on how to play multiple chord progressions...B+

# FSC's alternative music

Chris Cook  
Contributing Writer

What is an alternative station and what does WXPL mean when they claim they are one? Alternative means any type of music that is different from what can be heard on WBCN, WAAF, Z94, or Kiss 108. That doesn't mean WXPL avoids classic rock, metal, house, or hip-hop. They play new dance and rock before it is heard on most major stations. Their rotation

consists of groups not found on major labels, or that don't have the resources to make videos and receive the media push that larger labels provide. WXPL plays the music of tomorrow today, thus giving them the distinction of being an alternative station.

There are numerous examples of what new music is and/or was. Do the names of Sinéad O'Connor, Depeche Mode, U2, R.E.M., Public Enemy, and even New Kids On The Block sound familiar? These

were all on WXPL's playlist before any of the major radio stations. All music played on major stations, started on college radio. College radio has brought many big bands to prominence, from Bobby Brown to Metallica!

WXPL is funded to educate and inform. The best way to educate is to experiment with new types of music. New bands are popping up all the time, and if you'll like it later, why not like it now?

## Deejay of the week

Tom Benham  
Contributing writer

It's back, the WXPL deejay of the week column. Every week the executives of WXPL select a deejay who they feel has acted as a leader for other WXPLers to follow by their professionalism, enthusiasm, and hard work.

This week they have selected Kevin McCarthy as the deejay of

the week. Kevin, along with Jamie McCabe, hosts "Blues Power," which airs Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This show plays two hours of the best of blues music, new and old, and also takes requests from their listeners.

Kevin was the leader and initiator of the blood drive held October 3 and 4. With Kevin's leadership, WXPL exceeded last year's blood collections.



# Question #3

## The CLT Petition: *Questions & Facts*

**QUESTION:** "Won't passage of Question 3 cut all that waste from state government...the door keepers, the \$100,000 clock, the parking spaces, and all other fat?"

**FACT:** There is nothing, absolutely nothing, in Question 3 that specifies what must be cut, or how the cuts should be made. In other words, Question 3 simply takes an unthinking, meat cleaver approach to "so called" reform.

**QUESTION:** Who will make the cuts?

**FACT:** The State Legislature. The same legislature that put us in this crisis.

**QUESTION:** What will happen to Massachusetts' bond rating if Question 3 passes?

**FACT:** Massachusetts' bond rating, which has already dropped from 1st in the nation to 50th, will plunge to "Junk Bond" status. "It would," according to Standard and Poor's, "create a legacy of debt in Massachusetts into the 21st century."

Are you ready for this? If Barbara Anderson and Citizens for Limited Taxation have their way on election day, we'll have to cut state programs and services over the next three years by more than

**\$6 billion**

To cut that much from the Commonwealth's budget, we could:

- \* Eliminate all Chapter 70 education aid to cities and towns, and all funding for public higher education...or
- \* Eliminate all other general local aid to cities and towns...or
- \* Fire 50,000 of all 75,000 state workers...or
- \* Eliminate all funding for day care, homelessness prevention, AIDS action, elderly Home Care, child abuse prevention, WIC, affordable housing, protection of the environment, and Universal Health Care...  
...and we'd still be short by millions! If you agree that these cuts would recklessly inflict pain on our families, and break an already fragile state economy...

# STOP CLT!

## VOTE NO ON QUESTION #3

### YOUR EDUCATIONAL FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!

On November 6, SGA is sponsoring a bus running from FSC to the Senior Citizen Center where voting will be held for all residence hall students. (Ward 4)

Bus hours will run from 9:30a.m. to 5:30p.m.

# PERSONALS

THE STROBE assumes no responsibility for comments written in this section. Personals are accepted every Wednesday in G-Lobby for 35 cents. We reserve the right to edit all personals.

Our quote of the year:  
"I don't have to understand it - I live it."  
Becky & Allison

Matt didn't file his tax returns  
Rock did.  
Vote Rock for Pope

Anna: syn. Billy

Nell - You had better review the alcohol policy with your roommate (Awhh) before you both get in trouble! Kate  
P.S. It's in the student handbook!

Kango,  
You are a wonderful man, I love you!  
Love Roo

Sigma Tau Gamma Pledges,  
Keep up the good work, hang in there.  
Love, Michelle S.

To NCAA G. You're a better cheerleader in the bed than you are on the field. #77, #32, #8, #21, #47 Only 2 games left! Keep going. Socially Aggressive men

Gige,  
Your Dermatologist called. Your new stridex pads are in. Please come get them soon!  
- War is on

Shin  
Your measurements are waist 31. Chest 36. Neck 16, Forehead 52 inches.  
Love KK

Barry  
I think you're adorable.

Hey Bishop  
Are we even yet??  
I doubt it.  
Allison

K,  
Look on page 10.  
Chris

To whom it may concern,  
Whoever sent that golden protection to C.Q., it was greatly appreciated since I'll probably get more effective use from them than you would. Please identify yourself for a sincere thank-you.  
C.Q.

Anit-  
Donna called and wants to know if she should move back into Stephens house or just go over there every night and ask to sleep over? Or should she go back to Connecticut?  
Kate

Anit-  
I miss you! Can we please be roomies soon? I have no clothes!  
Kate

Scrod  
I love you. Be my Snuggle bunny.  
K.D.

Tweety,  
You can use your Black & Decker on me anytime!  
Love, Sue

Dianne,  
Why haven't you visited? Were you in Utah this morning?  
Fletch

Matt,  
Sorry, but Rock is The Best!  
Elect Rock for Pope!

David B.,  
Roses are red, Violets are blue.  
You never notice me but I always notice you!  
-XO

Scott P.  
I love you with all my heart! I miss you.  
Love, Tina

Vote. It Depends on Question 2...it's good for you!  
Nixon

CL,  
Paleese, it's a bargain  
Love ya, SD

#12,  
I answered your question about watch batteries, and I know the answers to all your other questions too. So don't believe the hype. Believe me instead.

To the Administration,  
We have done nothing wrong!  
We also will not take this whole affair sitting down. We have been here since 1921 and we will stay forever.

D.M.

Laurie F., (Symmetrical Butt)  
Despite what A5 says the R.A. from AL6 is the world's greatest!!

Love, Big Nose

Around 2:00a.m. Loghead can be seen dancing merrily in his haynes and singing Wayne World.  
Brown Eyes

Michelle,  
Can I touch your nickels?  
How about a few cans!

Cass  
What do you look like, we don't remember. Let Kase wear the shackles not you.

The Guys

K,  
Look on page 10.  
Chris

Love Dogs are playing live at the Rat in Kenmore Sq. Boston on November 9th. Friday night. Pick up discount passes at WXPL.  
Peace Love Dogs

CSM  
Does the teddy look better on the body or on the floor? You decide. Passionately yours, I love you always

Lynn,  
Egg was here!  
Love, Anna

Mark,  
Mudslinging - not funny! MTV video awards again? What happened to Jeopardy? Keystone next weekend? Where's Jenni? Got any peroxide? 38 will be topped... Kev

Attention Spring Breakers - Bahamas and Cancun are hot spots once again! For more info contact 342-4612, ask for Michelle or drop a note in Box 4620

Chris T.  
I am not. You hosebag  
Nikki

Send Jason in on Kick-off!! He's crazy!!

Jane,  
"Friendship is a special kind of Love." To many more late Saturdays and tree climbing! Smile! Love always through Him, Cheryl

Mike  
Get some balls!

L-Drops,  
I love you too and Shinunu! I.L.Y.F  
Luv, Pumpkin

Fungo,  
What happened on the way to Heaven? I don't know but there are plenty of pine cones under my window to find out.  
Love, Snook

Michael,  
Happy Halloween! I love you!  
Love, Cheryl

Rock,  
Thanks for sticking up for me. I know you and Lu will be happy. I guess some people don't think, Huh!  
Love, Anna

To my Ex-Sweetie,  
No response. No ring. I guess you don't love me anymore. I'm going to London to find a real man!  
From your former Honey

Bean- You're doing a fabulous job! I wouldn't want to work with anyone else. Lets give them hell and make them worthy to wear our Greeks!  
Love, P2

"A friend thinks torture is too big a problem to solve. I think we're all going to be in a lot of trouble if we let that kind of attitude prevail." Amnesty International 7:30p.m. Ellis F. White Lecture Hall, Tuesdays

To 175  
To all the Mike-checkers in the pad, take your dresses off you gags and make the road trip to W and get glued. I'll keep you entertained.

To TH208  
Let's hear it for the TNPC!! Beware of gumdrop men colored enchanted Coral! Week Nine?? - D

To whom it may concern.  
Mudsilding by the commons and (on) the street is all fun-n-games until someone's ego gets bruised. Non-230A girlie mon

To the Adelphian Pledges,  
None of you is as strong as all of you. Hang tough and be strong.

Kathi,  
(Remember this) "I may be fat but at least I'm pretty"  
Hollie

To my Sisters,  
May we always be as close as this!  
Beaner  
Pledges of Maroon & Grey,  
The end justifies the means.

K,  
Look on page 10.  
Chris

Ernie,  
If the yardstick statement is true watch out for blisters. I recommend Mazola or 10w-30. P.S. A French tickler is only as good as the person using it and how good can that be if it is a yard away.  
Gonzo

Dear Ernie and Peter,  
What's blue and only one apple high?  
Doc

Tracy,  
Young & available - but where's mister right? Not with the leaves.  
Gonzo

All we need is Gov  
Gov is God  
Click Snap  
The DFP's

Patti D.,  
Never seen you looking as gorgeous as you do tonight. I think we could have something serious in a couple of months...P.S. This is a recording

To the prettiest girl on campus  
(That's you, Karen!)  
Only you could compare me to a puppy and make me feel good!  
Ha Ha! I love you very much!  
Dan

Shawn M.  
Next time we play with your remote control, can I hold it?  
CD

To my Stud Muffin!  
Thanks for the Birthday Gift!!  
Love, Me

ATTN All gumdrop men at FSC:  
First annual meeting for members meets with the Tuesday night Pub Club. For information on joining, contact the turtle before he goes back in his shell. Cheers!

Hey Pumpkin,  
Come over to my patch!! Guess who?  
Love, Squash

Ellen,  
The long talks are great!! P.S.  
Smoke with me!  
Sturg

Smile, laugh be cheerful and beware of psychos with guns!  
Wendy

Ti (ME)  
I forgive you for holding me hostage for a dollar, it was for a good cause.  
Love, Your Bestest, Awesomest, Sexiest Roomie

Closing trees above and below with it my sorrow the games are gone the chase...over. I will look forward to it today and tomorrow in my mind...it is happy my heart sad because I didn't love her changes occur in the color of my skin as autumn begins  
- Nicholls 9/23/90

Jayjoyce,  
You always keep me smilin'!  
Thanks, I love ya, Mickey.

M.M.  
The change in me follows the change in you. A part of me has died. Thanks

Amy!  
You're an awesome roomie!  
Smile!  
Mickey

Hey Buckley,  
When you're going with someone which way foes the claddagh ring go?  
Concerned friend of E.S.D.

K,  
Look on page 10.  
Chris

## Personals continued...

Alys,  
Wow, it's amazing how people  
change over time! Good luck  
with internship.  
Love, JB

Brian C,  
you've tried everything. Can  
you say "Slim Fast"  
Love, TLB

Dear Quarter Pound Cake,  
The tard that was having a good  
time thought that the rabbit joke  
was funny.  
SABB 9000 Turbo

K,  
Look on page 10.  
Chris

ATTN. FSC Students:  
If interested in FSC Coed Naked  
Lacrosse and Hockey shirts,  
contact 348-1556 or 343-2600  
or check out G-Lobby Monday  
- Friday from 8:30a.m. to  
2:30p.m.

Will,  
It's me again. I'm interested.

Dianne,  
Happy Birthday! Sweetie  
Poopie Pie- This is the day you  
can eat CAKE.  
Another one of your only  
friends

Dianne,  
your list is getting awful long. -

Mike M,  
your body just turns me on! I  
love your city boy clothes, you  
look so cool

Suessie,  
Go to the clinic  
We have a problem!!!!  
Kev C.

I think you only like me when  
your drunk? True huh?

Dearest Cinderella,  
"Your Bad Girl List"  
Lock the doors and shut the  
lights off.

Cinderella,  
Keep the ironing board out of  
our living room and put the iron  
away.

Cinderella,  
Grow up. You act 2, not 20.  
Put the heat on only when the  
windows are closed...it works  
better that way.

Cinderella,  
Don't run to mommy. Hugs  
and kisses.  
-Your Evil Stepmother

Kev,  
Mud sliding rules! Avoid  
puddles! I beat my record, 20 is  
my new number, you are falling  
behind. Time to catch up.  
Slap! Stop stealing people from  
our building. Watch out Fridays  
coming up.  
Sticky

Terry,  
Keep smiling. Hoping every-  
thing works out. Just remem-  
ber I'm always here.  
Marc

Jimbo,  
Last weekend was fun, talk to  
Jen lately? Good luck. Keep  
the mud sliding dirty!  
Sticky

Found:  
One key to a townhouse bed-  
room. Contact Alison or Becky  
to negotiate rewards.

Lynda,  
Be true to yourself! Are you  
Truly happy now?

To Joe:  
The most special guy I've ever  
known. I love you!!  
Tammy

Scrod,  
Forget that "other" and be my love  
slave.  
-Queen of Hearts  
P.S. Watch your mailbox

Hey all you coral-peach-colored-  
Tuesday-night-pub-clubbers, can't  
wait until next week...Here's to the  
little gum drop man and side duty!!  
Week 9!  
Room C

Phil,  
Nothing beats a great pair of legs!  
- Inspector 12

3,  
The green goop made it really big  
and the picnic loaf was delish!  
Dippity

T206  
Why can't I tell "you" how I feel.  
"You" Know who "you" are  
"Unsure"

P,  
Things have a way of working them-  
selves out. Sorry if I dwell. Love  
does strange things. We will sur-  
vive.  
M

Di,  
Happy 22nd! So I says to the boy -  
you are getting to be an old lady.  
Just like me. Stay away from juice,  
candy bars and fries in the candy  
machine.  
- One of your only friends

Jillan  
Are you the juice girl...and are you  
MENTAL too?

IDIOTS!  
How hard is it to understand? White  
paper in the white paper box. Col-  
ored paper in the colored paper  
box!!!

Marybeth,  
You are turning into a peapod!

Andy,  
Production isn't that bad!!!

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# Ballot questions

be charged for any service, regulation or other public function, except for rates of tuition at state colleges and universities or any fees or charges relative to the administration and operation of the state courts. Any increase or decrease in a fee, or the establishment of any new fee, would require the approval of the Legislature. Any increase in a fee would not apply to persons 65 years of age or older. No state agency or authority could collect any fee which exceeds the administrative costs directly incurred by the state agency or authority to produce and process the application for any license or permit. The Secretary of Administration must report information concerning fees to the legislature on an annual basis.

The proposed law provides that for tax periods commencing on or after January 1, 1991, language in certain provisions of the Massachusetts general laws relating to taxes shall be the same as it was on August 2, 1989, or the effective date of the proposed law, whichever language yields less tax revenue. The tax provisions affected include sections relating to the surtax on business income, corporate excise taxes, corporate taxes, taxes on security corporations, taxes on Part A income (in general, unearned income) bank taxes, excise taxes on alcoholic beverages and cigarettes, excise taxes on deeds, estate taxes, payments to the Commonwealth relating to boxing and sparring matches, taxes on utility companies, gasoline taxes, taxes on insurance companies, excise taxes on motor vehicles, taxes on urban redevelopment corporations, sales tax, use tax, room occupancy excise tax, property taxes, and taxes on proceeds from raffles and bazaars.

The proposed law also contains a provision that if any sections of the law are held to be invalid, all other sections of the law are to remain in effect.

#### WHAT YOUR VOTE WILL DO:

A YES vote would make the proposed changes in laws concerning state taxes and fees.

A NO vote would not make the proposed changes in laws concerning state taxes and fees.

#### Question Four: Law Proposed



Student writes letter opposing Question 3

#### by Initiative Petition Changing Requirements for Political Parties and Candidates

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or House of Representatives before May 2, 1990?

**Summary:** This proposed law would change the state election laws governing the establishment of political parties and the nomination of candidates.

The proposed law would allow voters to register under a political designation other than "Independent" and in addition to the two political parties previously recognized by law, (Republican or Democrat) if at least fifty voters request to be permitted to do so. It would allow any group to qualify as a political party under Massachusetts law if at least one percent of the total number of registered voters register to vote using that group's political designation, or if at least three percent of the votes cast at the preceding election of any statewide office, were cast under a candidate running under that group's political designation.

The proposed law would set the minimum number of signatures needed on independent or minor party nomination papers for state office at one-half of one percent (1/2%) of the entire vote cast in the previous state election for governor (as compared to 2% as of 1989), and would also establish this number of signatures as the upper limit needed for majority candidates. The proposed law would also permit voters to sign the nomination papers of any number of candidates for the same office, would require that all blank forms to be used for nomination papers and initiative and referendum petitions be no more than 8 1/2" by 14" in size, and would allow signatures to be collected on exact copies of those forms.

#### WHAT YOUR VOTE WILL DO:

A YES vote would change the legal requirements for establishing new political parties and for nominating certain candidates.

A NO vote would leave unchanged the legal requirements for establishing new political parties and for nominating candidates.

#### Question Five: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Allocating State Aid to Cities and Towns

Do you approve of a law sum-

marized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or House of Representatives before May 2, 1990?

**Summary:** This proposed law would regulate the distribution to cities and towns of the Local Aid Fund, which consists of at least 40% of the revenue generated by the State income, sales and corporate taxes, as well as the balance of the State Lottery Fund.

Subject to appropriation by the legislature, the State Treasurer would distribute the Local Aid Fund to cities and towns on a quarterly basis, and each city or town would receive at least the same amount of local aid it received in the previous year unless the Local Aid Fund decreases.

In fiscal year 1992, if there has been any increase over the fiscal year 1989 fund, half of the increase would be distributed in accordance with the formula used for the fiscal year 1989, and half would be distributed to each city and town in proportion to its population.

In each year after 1992, if the fund increases, the excess would be distributed through a formula devised by the State Secretary of Administration and Finance, with

the advice and consent of the Local Government Advisory Committee. If the fund decreases after 1992 each town or city will have the amount it receives decreased by the same percentage.

This proposed law also requires that the Treasurer publish an annual report about the Local Aid Fund, that the state Auditor publish an annual audit of the Account, and that the Secretary of Administration and Finance issue to each city and town an estimate of the funds it will receive from the Local Aid Fund.

Each city or town would be allowed to bring a lawsuit to force distribution of the account, and would be entitled to a late payment fee if distribution is not timely.

#### WHAT YOUR VOTE WILL DO:

A YES vote would establish the proposed allocation of state aid to cities and towns.

A NO vote would not establish the proposed allocation of state aid to cities and towns.

#### Question Six: Legislative Advisory Question Free and Equal Broadcast Time for Candidates

Shall radio and television broadcasts be required to give free and equal time to all certified candidates for public office in the commonwealth?

**Summary:** The Legislature has placed this question on the ballot in order to determine whether the people favor or oppose requiring radio and television broadcast outlets to give free and equal time to all certified candidates for public office in the commonwealth. The vote on this question is advisory and does not establish law nor bind the Legislature.

#### WHAT YOUR VOTE WILL DO:

A YES vote would advise that the voters favor requiring radio and television stations to give free and equal time to candidates.

A NO vote would advise that the voters do not favor requiring radio and television stations to give free and equal time to candidates.

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# Avoid date rape

by James LeDuc  
Strobe staff

You're walking down North Street at midnight, when suddenly some psychopathic freak leaps from the bushes, pushes you down and forces sex on you. This is everyone's vision of rape.

But what if you go to a keg party and see some cute guy there. You say "hi" to him, and later that night when you're ready to leave, he offers to walk you home. You accept, and when you get there he walks you upstairs and into your room. Next thing you know, he's making a pass at you. You know you don't want this, but you can't resist, and he goes to far.

Or what about the guy you've been dating for two weeks now? One night he comes on a little stronger than you expected or wanted him to, but he tells you to trust him and that what he's doing is "no big deal".

Are these examples of rape? They most definitely are, and it is this type of "acquaintance" or "date" rape that is the most common on college campuses today. If you're a woman and have had sex against your will or without consent, then you've been raped, plain and simple.

The fact is, in a recent study, it was found that 92% of all rape victims between the ages of 15-25 knew their assailants. Yet even though all acquaintance rapes cannot be avoided, knowledge may

be the key in avoiding many of them. Knowing the warning signs and how to react to them may best help you escape a dangerous situation.

Some key points to remember are:

- \* Don't give mixed messages. Be clear and assertive with your sexual intentions.

- \* Avoid secluded places where you could possibly be put in a compromising situation.

- \* Always be fully aware of your environment and the situation you're in.

This last step may be most crucial, says Counseling Services Sharon Sarno-Barbanell. "You should always be aware of where you are and what you're doing," Sarno-Barbanell stated, "and alcohol can impair your judgment. A lot of times, people go out, get drunk and have sex without consent. That is date rape."

Let's say you take all these precautions and he still won't let up. Trust your gut feelings and get out of there. Don't compromise your principles just to avoid an unpleasant confrontation or argument.

If you are raped, campus policy is to report it to Public Safety first, who will then refer you to Health Services and finally Counseling Services. There have been no rapes reported this year, but this is not uncommon.

"I think the reason most people don't report it (date rape) is because they're not sure it was actually rape," Sarno-Barbanell said.

"Very seldom do we, at Counseling Services see someone report a rape immediately," she commented. "They may be raped freshmen year and say nothing until they're under pressure from other areas...during finals or senior year, and then they'll come talk to us."

People who are victimized may often feel that it was partially their fault. This mistake in judgment can make a lot of women keep this particular type of assault to themselves.

The best thing to do, should you be raped, is to talk to someone, anyone, about it. Here at Fitchburg State, several programs are offered to help victims deal with "date" rape as well as other crimes of violence.

Counseling Services, located on the third floor of the Hammond building, offers a "crisis time" between 2:00-3:15 daily, for those who need immediate attention. Appointments and outside referrals can also be made at their office. Students Against Violent Encounters (SAVE) is another group that raises awareness of all types of violence on campus, including rape, and can be contacted through Counseling Services.

If you can't go to a stranger to discuss this type of personal violation, at least talk to a friend. Rape, especially "date" rape, is something no one should live through alone.

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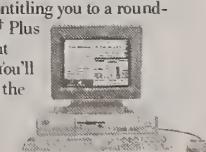
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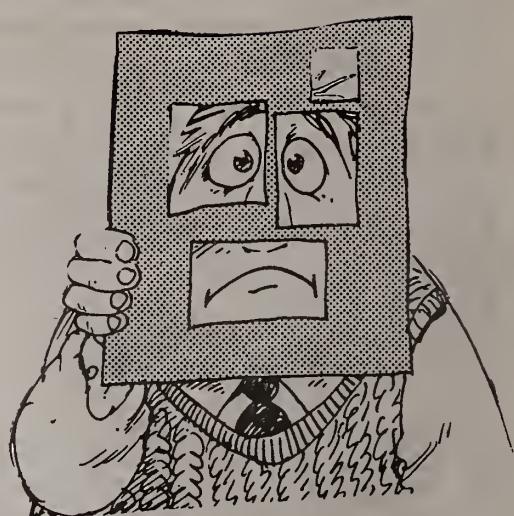
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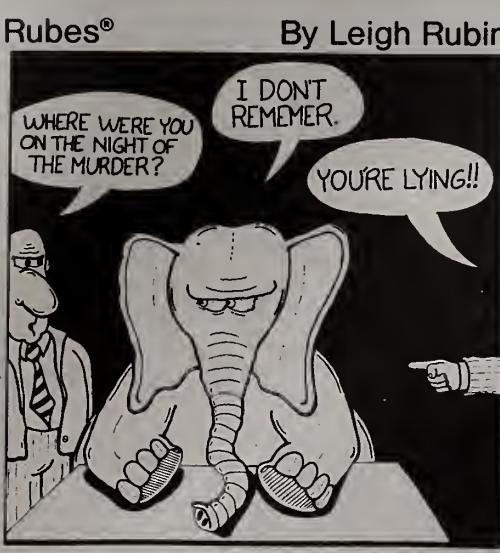
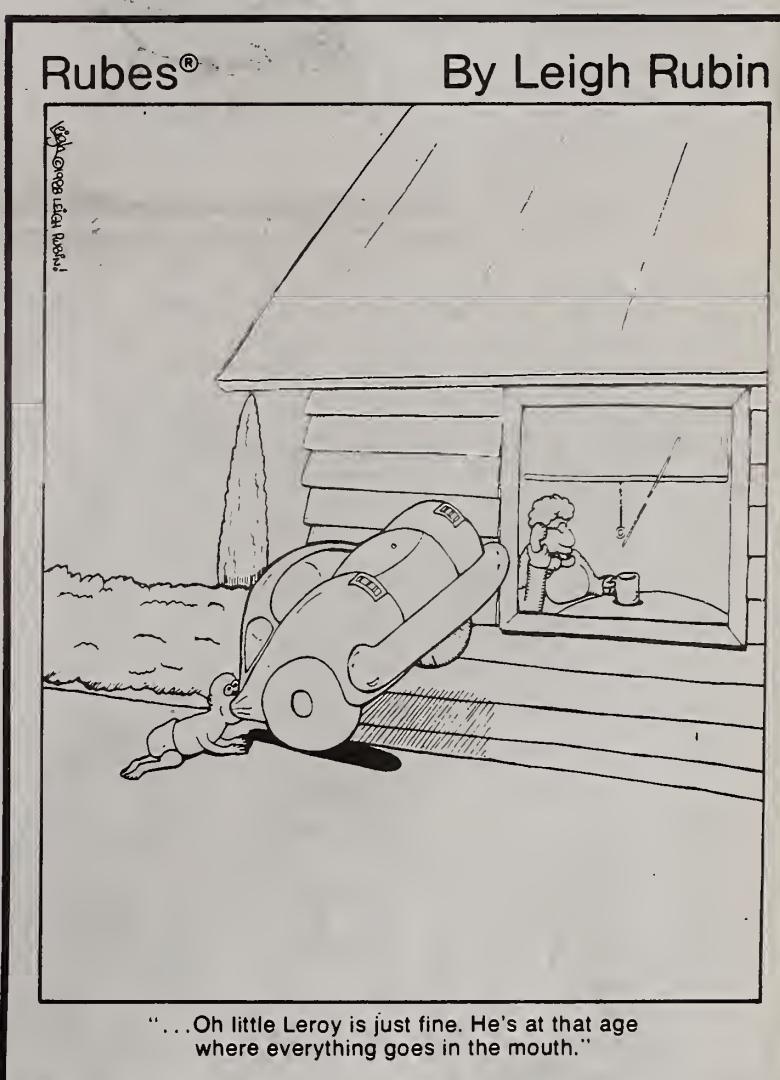
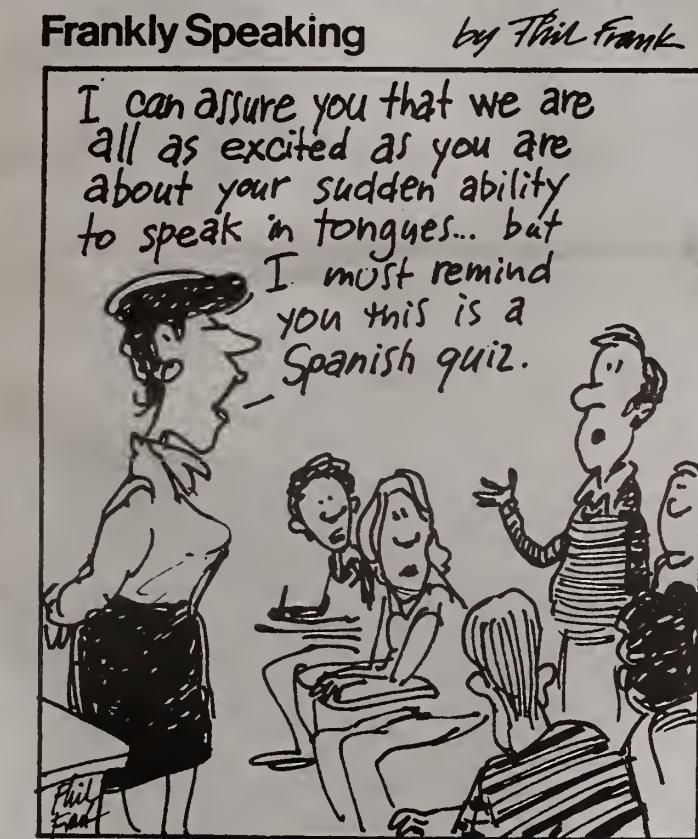
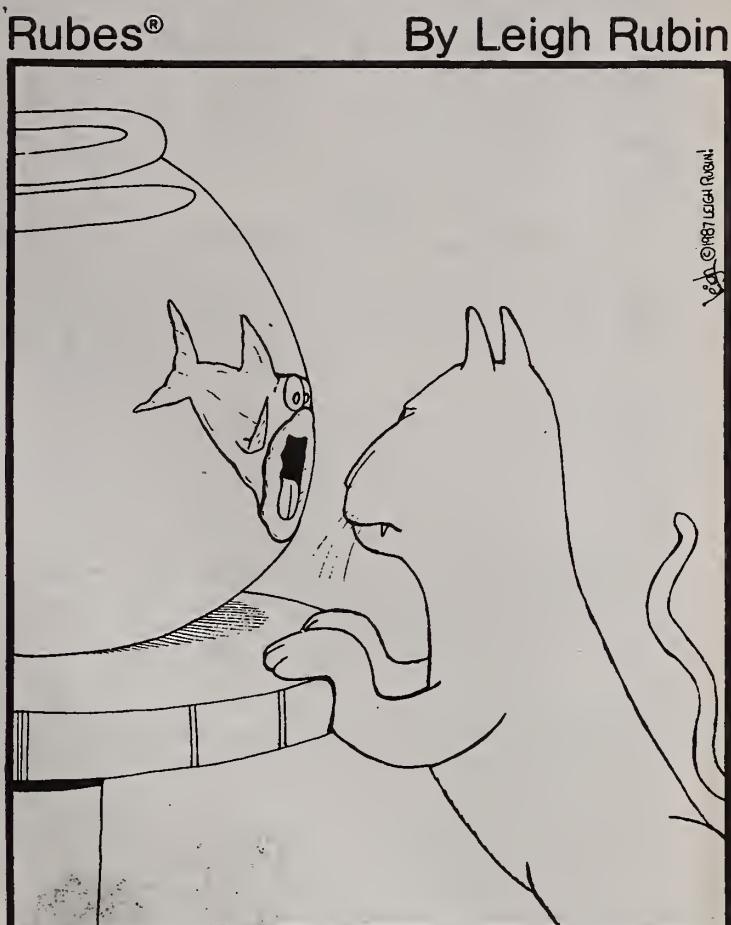
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# SPORTS

## The Sports Symposium

by Mike McCrystal  
Strobe Staff

Why did all the sportscasters have to remind us about the earthquake during last year's World Series? I don't think we need to be reminded about the devastation. **PLAY BALL!**

Did you notice that every time Jose Canseco made a less than average play, the announcers said it was because of an injury? I think that we've heard enough excuses for this overpaid sissy.

Jose Canseco's wife, Esther, called Tony LaRussa a "punk" after her husband was benched. I guess she is just as immature as her husband. This is a match made in Heaven, or should I say Hell!

As I watched the World Series, I became truly amazed. The Cincinnati Reds actually swept the Oakland A's.

**Headline:** Barbara Bush threw out the first pitch in Game 2 of the World Series. Now there's a big thrill for a baseball fan.

Billy Hatcher had a hit in his first seven at-bats of the Series. It broke the record held by Thurman Munson and Goose Goslin.

Is it me or did "This Week In Baseball" go downhill this season?

What's going on? I thought Quebec was supposed to be the worst team in hockey.

Hockey News correspondent, Al Morganti predicted that Quebec would finish in second place in the Adams Division. Morganti, for some strange reason, is no longer with the Hockey News.

Whatever happened to Brian Lawton, "a can't miss prospect" in the NHL? I guess he missed.

I'll ask the question again: Who's going to put the puck in the net besides Bourque and Neely? They lost 7-1 in L.A. and 8-1 in Calgary and Edmonton.

Hockey is growing in popularity. Season ticket sales stayed the same or increased for every club in the NHL this season.

Philadelphia Flyers star Tim Kerr, is the proud father of a brand new baby girl. The sad part is that he became a widower after his wife died from complications at birth.

In Montreal, Canadiens fans have a system called "Videoway," which allows them to watch a variety of different replays. It also allows them to follow specific players on the ice by programming it into their remote.

Bring back Peter Puck!

Rumor has it that Patriot tickets aren't difficult to get this year. I wonder why?

Chris Mortensen, a writer for the National, picked our beloved Patriots as the worst team in the NFL.

I'd like to see Raghib Ismail in a Patriots uniform next season.

In the series between Penn State and B.C., the Nittany Lions hold an 18-1 edge over the Eagles.

Who would believe that Steve DeBerg is one of the top 25 NFL passers of all time? It's true.

Call me biased, but I have a very optimistic view of the Boston Celtics' upcoming season.

Former Loyola Marymount coach Paul Westhead is now the head coach of the Denver Nuggets. Unfortunately, nobody told him that defense wins games in the NBA.

I'm sick and tired of seeing shots of the Good Year Blimp.

I can't wait until the New England Blazers season begins. For those who have never heard of the Blazers, they are a professional lacrosse team.

Let's go, Whalers!

## Bruins Weekly

by Dave Walsh  
Strobe staff

Week of October 15-21.

Vancouver 3 Boston 1

The start of Boston's rapid descent from the top began here as the Bruins get a missed off-sides call that turns against them. John Byce scores the Bruins only goal on a wicked shot from the point.

Edmonton 8 Boston 1

The first meeting of these two teams since last season's Stanley Cup Finals turned into utter disaster for the Bruins. Edmonton scored 8 unanswered goals in the first twenty

minutes of the game. Boston's defense was nonexistent in this game, especially after learning Captain Ray Bourque would be side-lined two weeks with a shoulder injury. Cam Neely scored Boston's only goal.

Calgary 8 Boston 1

The Bruins win-less streak was extended to five games in a game which was nearly an exact replica of the Edmonton loss. Andy Moog was the victimized goalie in this game. Wes Walz scored Boston's only goal. The Bruins have been outscored 29-4 in their last four games.

## FSC field hockey team sweeps two at home

by Sandy Lathrop  
Strobe Staff

The FSC field hockey team chalked up a pair of wins this past week. They upped their record to 6-7 with one game to play. The team has shown drastic improvement over last season's 2-10 record.

The Falcons defeated Worcester State 2-1. Left Wing Kristy Faugno scored the first goal with the assist coming from sophomore Rita Suarez. Freshman Heather Murphy scored her first collegiate goal with the assist being credited to Suarez. Goal tender Gina Urbani kicked out six shots to improve her record to 5-5 on the season. Worcester State falls to 6-1-1 on the season.



The Falcons' good fortune continued last Saturday as they defeated Simmons College by a score of 3-2. In the first period, co-captain Joyce Dunnigan and Suarez knocked home Fitchburg's two goals. Dunnigan later assisted on Jennifer Kapenas ninth goal of the season, which proved to be the eventual game winner.

Kapenas leads the team with thirteen points on the season while Dunnigan is a close second with twelve points.

Fitchburg state wraps up their season when they host Framingham State in a MASCAC game.

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